

North Dakota School for the Deaf/ Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

A tour of campus...

Welcome to NDSD/RCDHH



The brick "**Welcome to NDSD/RCDHH**" sign was built at the entrance to the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing portraying the warm feeling expressed by the caring, dedicated staff to the students that attend the school, their family members, and the general public.

NDSD/RCDHH is proud to be a "Smoke & Drug Free Campus"

Carl F. Smith Building Front Entrance displaying the 125th Banner!



In June of 2015, the North Dakota School for the Deaf celebrated 125 years serving the deaf and hard of hearing in the state of North Dakota.

Carl F. Smith Building



The main floor of the **Carl F. Smith building** (built in 1963) houses the Superintendent's Office, Business Office, Buildings and Grounds Office, Health Services, Food Services, Audiology, Preschool/Kdg and Elementary Classrooms, and Dept. of Commerce Office. The 2nd floor is where the Middle School classrooms, Outreach Services Offices, and a regional office for Protection & Advocacy (P&A) are located. The basement is composed of a Video Conference room, storage areas, and the Bulldog Parlor activity center.

A. R. Spear School Building (west side)



The 1st, 2nd and basement levels of the **A. R. Spear School building** (built in 1911) housed by the Early Explorers/Headstart Program. In the basement, along with the EEHS Program, Lake Region Special Education has an office/classroom and NDSD/RCDHH maintains the gymnasium and to the far south the swimming pool.

A. R. Spear School Building

(east side overlooking the tennis courts)



Another addition to the NDSD/ RCDHH campus was the building of the tennis court which also include basketball hoops and markings for other fun outside games

The **A.R. Spear building** (built in 1911) is connected to the Carl F. Smith building (to the east) near the Resource Center.

Swimming Pool

West side



The indoor **Swimming Pool** (built in 1983) is an Olympic sized pool. The pool is used by students at least three times a week for recreational swimming as well as one day a week as part of their physical education class.

The pool is also used by staff members and their families, mainstreamed staff (and their families) who work with the deaf students, Senior Citizens in the local area, public schools, Search and Rescue for training and instruction, individuals with special needs and therapeutic requests by their doctors as well as other groups upon request.

East side



Resource Center

(located between the Smith and Spear buildings)



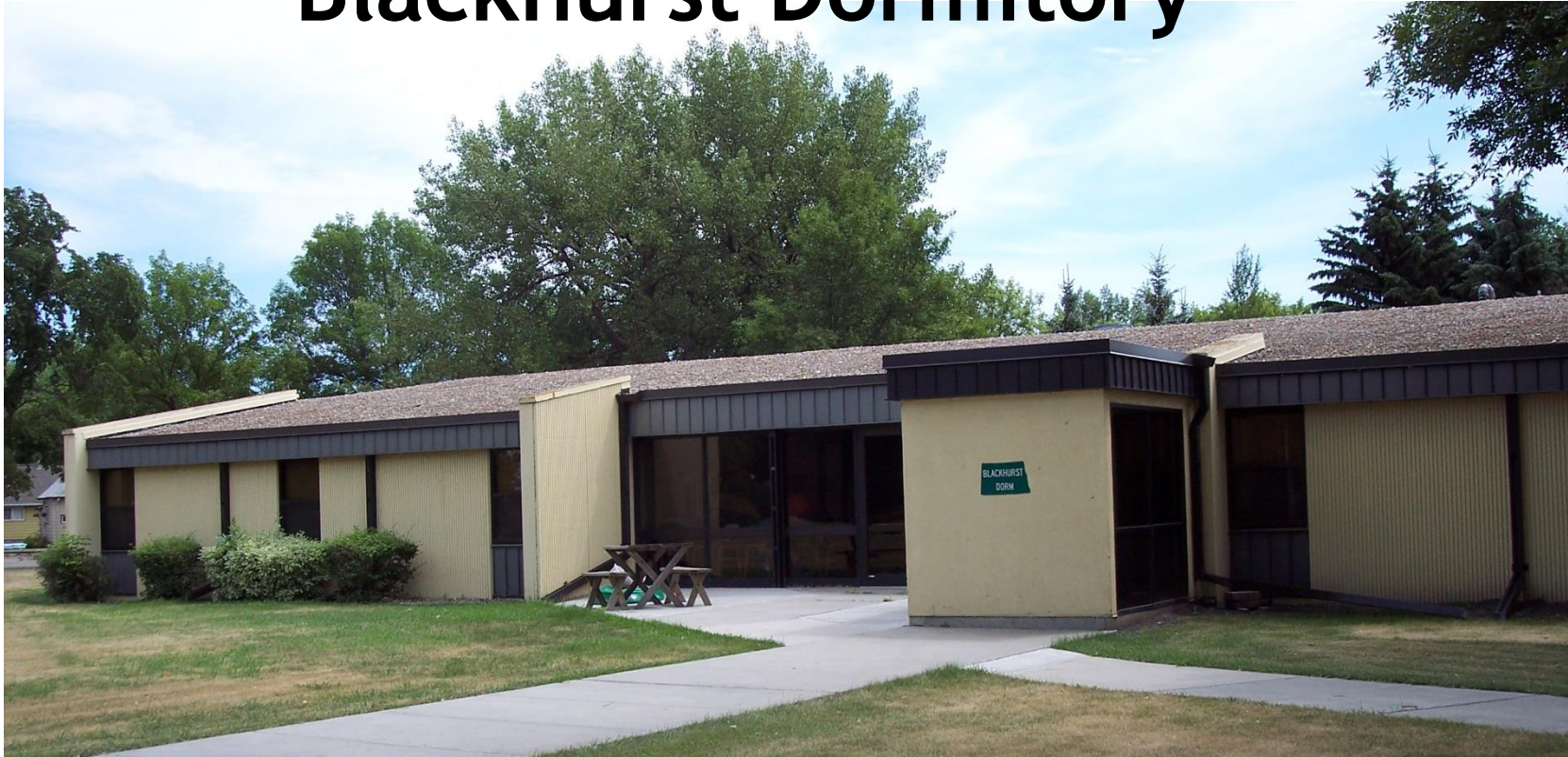
The **Resource Center** which houses the Library Media Center, Computer Lab, Meeting/Conference Room, Technology Coordinator's Office, a Video Conference Room, Communications Coordinator's Office and a classroom connects the Smith and Spear buildings.

Playground

This picture shows a view of the **playground area**. Behind the playground is the Smith building. Improvements on the playground equipment was made possible by donations of the Friends of Deaf Children Foundation.



Blackhurst Dormitory



The **Blackhurst dormitory** (started construction in 1981; finished in 1982) is located on the east side of the campus as you drive in. The dorm has a warm, comfortable atmosphere with sleeping rooms located on the east and west sides with a family-like center room dividing each side. The activity center includes access to TVs, TV games, VCR/DVD access, kitchen area, and an office including computer access. The dorm is not only used to house students during the school year, but also for NDSD/RCDHH summer camp participants and workshops. The dorm is separated from the Smith Building; however, it is connected (as all buildings on campus are) by an underground tunnel.

Vocational and Trades Building

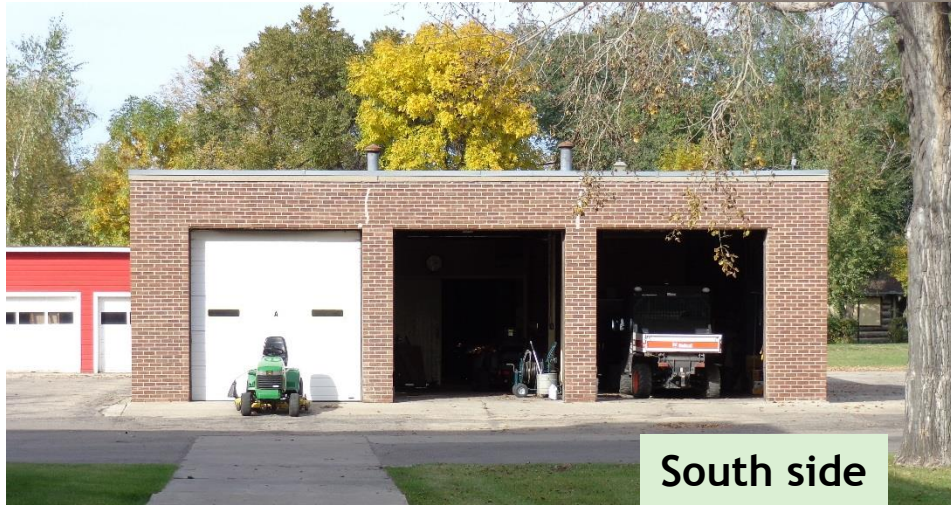


The **Vocational / Trades building** (built in 1928) located on the campus have had numerous uses throughout the years. Currently, the top floor has one room rented out to an organization from the community and is seeking out to rent more of the space pending building improvements.

The main floor still houses the woodworking shop; however, it is no longer being utilized and the 'old' print shop which has been converted into a museum containing hundreds of pictures and equipment from the past 125 years.



Garage



Located on the north side of the campus, the **Garage building** is where the equipment used to maintain the buildings and grounds is stored.

State vehicles are also housed here and used to transport students home and to activities while at the school. Staff use the vehicles to attend workshops, conferences, trainings, and provide services to the deaf/hard of hearing around the state of ND.

Laundry Building



The **Laundry building** still has a washer and two dryers. Two separate rooms provide paint and flooring storage.

The **Cabin** is currently used for social events and school picnics. Along side of the cabin is the peak from the first building ["Old Main"] originally built in 1892.



Cabin



Peak

Powerhouse



The **Powerhouse** is a main hub for the campus electrical and heating systems. All incoming electrical is supplied from there as well as emergency generator service. Two low-pressure steam boilers supply all of the campus heating needs.

Barn

In the early days, NDSD/RCDHH raised vegetables, dairy products, eggs, and meat. The **Barn** (built in 1907; silo built in 1912) located on the campus is another historical building which reminds visitors of the past when the school served as a farming operation. At the height of its' farming operation, the school boasted heard of purebred Holstein dairy cows.

Eventually, this became a low value and the farm equipment and animals were sold. However, the barn remains standing today as a vital link to that part of NDSD/RCDHH's history.




Japanese Bridge



The **Japanese Bridge** overlooking the pond located on the school campus...a familiar landmark to area residents - constructed in 1934.

The pond remains a favorite with many individuals (young and old) who love to stop by...visit and feed the various birds that seem to make their home on campus.

The background features abstract, overlapping green geometric shapes, primarily triangles and polygons, in various shades of green, creating a modern, layered effect. The text is centered on the left side of the image.

Here's a little
history about
some buildings
that have been
torn down

Old Main (built in 1892)

The very first building "Old Main" was built in 1892 and sadly demolished in 1975. Although the building itself no longer stands, the memories and history linger on.



Boys Dormitory (built in 1923; razed in 1988)



Note: The **Girls Dormitory** was housed in the Smith building.

Infirmary

Located between the garage and powerhouse, the **Infirmary** (built in 1909; razed in 2010) housed the school hospital. The current location for Health Services is in the Smith building - main level.



Apartment House

The **Apartment House** behind the pond was used as an apartment for student Independent Living and rented out before it was torn down.



Hope you enjoyed the tour of our wonderful campus. Stop by anytime for a visit and tour ... we would love to show you around!!

To schedule a tour, call 701-665-4400 or email ndsd.school@K12.nd.us

We look forward to hearing from you!!